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To: State Directors, State Fire Management Officers  
From: Deputy Assistant Director (NIFC), Fire and Aviation  
Subject: 2009 Bureau of Land Management (BLM) National Aviation Conference

The BLM will hold a consolidated Aviation Conference the week of October 26, 2009. This conference will include joint sessions for all BLM aviation personnel. Group breakout sessions will be held by specialty as listed below. Targeted attendees are State Aviation Managers (SAM), Unit Aviation Managers (UAM), Exclusive Use Helicopter Managers, Pilots, Air Tactical Group Supervisors, Career Seasonal Single Engine Air Tanker (SEAT) Managers, Air Tanker Base Managers, and Dispatch Center Managers. The combined number of attendees is estimated at 95 people.

The focus of this conference will be on the four pillars of the Safety Management System (SMS): Aviation Policy, Aviation Risk Management, Aviation Safety Assurance, and Aviation Safety Promotion. The SMS provides an organization wide approach to aviation safety. The National Aviation Conference reflects the SMS philosophy by combining all elements of the BLM aviation program in one place.

The conference is scheduled to take place in Boise, Idaho at the Best Western Vista Inn Rocky Mountain Conference Center at 2645 Airport Way. A block of rooms at the government per diem rate has been reserved. Each attendee will be responsible for their reservations, referencing the BLM National Aviation Conference. Prior to October 9, 2009, please call the hotel to secure your reservation at 208-336-8100 or 1-800-727-5006.

Conference Format:

10/27/09	Tuesday	1300-1700	General Session/All Attendees
10/28/09	Wednesday	0800-1700	Specialty Group Breakouts
10/29/09	Thursday	0800-1200	SAMs, UAM's, and the National Aviation

Office (NAO)

**NOTE: All attendees should plan on attending Tuesday and Wednesday. Only the SAMs, UAM's, and the NAO staff will attend the Thursday session. Please make your travel plans accordingly.**

The conference will be held prior to the fall BLM Fire Leadership Team (FLT) meeting. Any questions and concerns raised by the Aviation Program will be available for consideration for the FLT.

Any questions or suggestions please contact Glen Claypool 208-387-5160.

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